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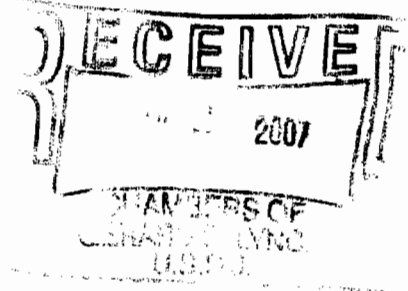*Southern District of New York*

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BY HAND DELIVERY
The Honorable Gerard E. Lynch
United States District Judge
Southern District of New York
500 Pearl Street, Room 910
New York, New York 10007-1312

Re: *Valentin v. The Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center, et al.,*
        No. 07 Civ. 2940 (GEL)

Dear Judge Lynch:

This Office represents Third-Party Defendant Morris Heights Medical Center (the "Government") in the above-referenced medical malpractice action. I write respectfully to request a two-week extension, from July 5, 2007 until July 19, 2007, of the Government's time to file a reply brief with respect to its pending motion to dismiss the Third-Party Complaint. In its opposition brief, Third-Party Plaintiff Bronx-Lebanon Hospital Center ("Bronx-Lebanon") cited a recent Supreme Court decision, *Osborn v. Haley*, __ U.S. __ 127 S. Ct. 881 (2007), that may affect the Government's position with respect to its motion. The additional time is needed to permit this Office to coordinate the Government's position with the Department of Justice, Civil Division, Torts Branch. This is the Government's first request for an extension of the briefing schedule. Counsel for Bronx-Lebanon consents to the requested extension.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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SO ORDERED

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